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NEWS RELEASE

** FCC IMPLEMENTS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
PROVISION GOVERNING MOBILE SERVICES ACCESS
TO LONG DISTANCE CARRIERS -- CC Docket No. 94-
54 (Report No. DC 96-27, Action in Docket Case)

The FCC terminated its inquiry into whether commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) provider should be required to afford equal access to long distance carriers.

Action by the Commission March 21, 1996, by Order (FCC 96-126).

News Media contact: Kara Palamaras at (202) 418-0654. Wireless Telecommunications Bureau contact: Jeffrey Steinberg at (202) 418-1310. [Internet filename: nrw16012.txt].

PUBLIC NOTICES

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU
ACCEPTS FOR FILING APPLICATION FOR
DEVELOPMENTAL AUTHORIZATION IN THE
LOCATION AND MONITORING SERVICE (PART 90,
SUBPART Q) - Comments due April 26; replies May 10.
For further information regarding this filing, contact Jay Jackson or Jane Halprin, Commercial Wireless Division (202) 418-0620, or Ronald Fuhrman, Licensing Division (717) 338-2615.

Report No. 96-2 - FM TRANSLATOR-BOOSTER
APPLICATIONS READY AND AVAILABLE FOR
PROCESSING - CUT-OFF: April 25, 1996.

Report No. A-202 - AM BROADCAST APPLICATIONS
ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND NOTIFICATION OF

CUT-OFF DATE: April 25, 1996.

Report No. 23701 - BROADCAST APPLICATIONS.

Report No. 23701A - BROADCAST APPLICATIONS.

Report No. 43701 - BROADCAST ACTIONS.

Report No. CC 96-10 - COMMON CARRIER BUREAU
CLARIFIES AND EXTENDS REQUEST FOR
COMMENT ON ACTA PETITION RELATING TO
"INTERNET PHONE" SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE -

RM NO. 8775 - Comments due: May 8, 1996; and replies due: June 8, 1996; Contact: Kavin Werbach at (202) 418-1599. [DA 96-414].

TEXTS

TREATMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION. Began proceeding to evaluate the Commission's practices and policies concerning the treatment of competitively sensitive information that has been provided to the Commission. Comment date: 60 days following publications in Federal Register; Reply Comments date: 90 days following publication in Federal Register. (GC Docket No. 96-55 by the NOI and NPRM [FCC 96-109] adopted March 13, 1996, by the Commission)

REQUEST FOR INSPECTION OF RECORDS. Denied application for review filed by James A. Kay Jr. concerning FOIA decision. (FOIA Control No. 95-385 by MO&O [FCC 96-127] adopted March 21, 1996, by the Commission)

A-R CABLE SERVICES, INC. Granted request by Television Broadcast Station WNDS (Channel 50), Derry, New Hampshire, for mandatory carriage in Braintree, MA by A-R Cable Services, Inc. d/b/a Cablevision. (By MO&O [DA 96-359] adopted March 12, 1996 by the Deputy Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

ADDENDA: The following items released March 22 were not listed on Digest 49:

NEWS RELEASES

**COMMISSION INITIATES RULE MAKING PROCEEDING TO ALLOW BROADCAST STATIONS TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN TYPES OF MINOR MODIFICATIONS OF LICENSES WITHOUT A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT -- MM Docket No. 96-58 (Report No. DC 96-26, Action in Docket Case)

The Commission has adopted a notice of proposed rule making to modify portions of Section 73 and 74 of the rules to permit broadcast stations to implement certain types of minor modifications of their facilities without first obtaining a construction permit.

Action by the Commission March 19, 1996, by NPRM (FCC 96-118).

News Media contact: Patricia A. Chew at (202) 418-0500. Mass Media Bureau contacts: Richard Waysdorf at (202) 418-2679, or Dale Bickel at (202) 418-2720. [Internet filename: nrmm6014.txt]

FCC APPROVES REALLOCATION PLAN FOR 185 MEGAHERTZ OF SPECTRUM RELEASED FROM GOVERNMENT USE: ESTABLISHES RULE MAKING SCHEDULE (Report No. GN 96-4, General Action)

The FCC approved a plan for the allocation of 185 megahertz of spectrum transferred from the Federal Government to the private sector and established the scope and timing of future rule making proceedings to assign this reallocated spectrum.

Action by the Commission March 22, 1996, by Order (FCC 96-125).

News Media contact: Patricia A. Chew at (202)

418-0500. Wireless Telecommunications Bureau/Office of Plans and Policy contact: Thomas P. Stanley at (202) 418-2037; Office Engineering and Technology contact: Steve Sharkey at (202) 418-2404. [Internet filename:nret6004.txt]

PUBLIC NOTICES

MASS MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES REVISED EXPANDED AM BROADCAST BAND IMPROVEMENT FACTORS AND ALLOTMENT PLAN. For more information, contact Jim Burtle at (202) 418-2660. [DA 96-408].

SPEECH

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONER SUSAN NESS, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION, MARCH 18, 1996. [Internet file name:spsn606.txt]

TEXTS

ALASCOM, INC. Suspended and set for investigation Transmittal No. 807, which would, among other things, alter the liability, ordering, discontinuance and rate provisions of the tariff. (CC Docket No. 95-182 by Order [DA 96-404] adopted March 22, 1996, by the Chief, Tariff Division, Common Carrier Bureau)

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. Clarified when the subscriber plant factor transition rules apply. (By R&O [DA 96-405] adopted March 22, 1996, by the Chief, Accounting and Audits Division)

DEKALB TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC., FAIRBANKS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES SYSTEM, ALL WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND GVNW INC./MANAGEMENT. Granted petitions for waiver of section 69.3(f) to file their own access tariffs for a one year period with a July 1, 1996 effective date. (By Order [DA 96-409] adopted March 22, 1996, by the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau)

ERRATUM. To Report and Order (DA 96-206) released March 4, 1996, concerning amendment to FM table - MM Docket 87-433.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE AM EXPANDED BAND AND ALLOTMENT PLAN. Denied the requests filed in Comments in this proceeding; ordered that the June 30, 1993-A database is closed to further changes and the June 30, 1993-A AM Engineering Database will be used as the official database for further use in the expanded band proceeding. (By MO&O [FCC 96-113] adopted March 15, 1996, by the Commission)

** AMENDMENT OF PART 73 AND 74 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES TO PERMIT CERTAIN MINOR

CHANGES IN BROADCAST FACILITIES WITHOUT A
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT. See first item in Addenda
"News Releases."

ALLOCATION OF THE 219-220 MHZ BAND FOR USE
BY THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE. Granted to an
extent the petition for reconsideration filed by Orion
Telecom, and affirmed the allocation of the 219-220 MHz
band to the amateur radio service on a secondary basis. (ET
Docket 93-40, by M0&0 [FCC 96-25] adopted January 25,
1996, by the Commission)

PLAN FOR REALLOCATED SECTRUM. See second
item in Addenda "News Release."

** INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE OBLIGATIONS
PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO
SERVICES. See first item under "News Release."

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